

# *First United Methodist Church*

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## *Our Vision & Mission*

*“Shining the Light of God’s Love”*

*Through*

**Inspiring Worship ~ Personal Growth ~ Intentional Outreach**

# “Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

## GATHERING

### WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

#### PRELUDE

“Were You There”

Julie Propst

*(Please be in an attitude of prayer as you prepare yourself for worship.)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Congregation: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Congregation: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

UMH 103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
they clouds which are fountains of goodness and  
love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see'  
tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: Welsh melody from Canaidau & Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts; CCLI License #1229420*

## MORNING PRAYER

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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**\*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-16 (NIV)

**MESSAGE**

“Bearing One Another In Love”

Rev. Marcia White-Smith

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us...

**Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Indicates that we are to stand to praise God.*

**Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine**

***Altar Flowers***

The flowers on the Altar are given by Tom & Nancy Morando in memory of their parents.

# **“Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost”**

**9:30 am Contemporary Worship**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

“House of the Lord”

“Battle Belongs”

“See a Victory”

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**PRAYER TIME**

**OFFERING**

“Word of God Speak”

**BIBLE READING**

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**COMMUNION / ALTAR CALL / CLOSING**

“Worthy”

**BENEDICTION**

**“Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine”**

## *Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-6 (NIV)*

4As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Every Member Prayer List** – Please pray for the following this week: Esther Nussbaum, Louise Oates, Kara, Eric, Ethan & Elijah Odom, Linda Ollmann, Ed & Cathy Ong, Daniel & Adrien Orlandi, David Orlandi, Rad & Pat Orlandi.

The **Choir** is looking for new voices. Practice resumes on Thursdays at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please call Cindy Forbes @ (757) 408-6000. We will be having a Christmas Cantata this year.

**Good Grief Group** – Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to meet with us in Room 101 at noon on the first Monday of every month. This month's meeting will be on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring a brown bag lunch.

**30 Day Bike Ride** - Carol Wellons, one of our newer members, will be participating in a 300-mile bike ride in 30 days during the month of August. If you would like to sponsor her with this endeavor, please note Bike Ride on your offering envelope. Any funds collected will go to help the budget short fall. We appreciate Carol's willingness to help the church in this way. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**Pam Szymczyk's Retirement** - We will celebrate Pam in appreciation of her 17 years of service to the FUMC Youth on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 am Worship Service.

**Welcome Rich Edwards** - To welcome Pastor Rich to our church, traditionally we would each bring a pound of something for the kitchen, like rice or flour or sugar. Today it is more practical to bring gift cards to a local grocery store or restaurant, so he can choose items that suit his healthy choices. Paper items such as toilet tissue and paper towels are always welcome. Please bring your welcome gifts to church or to the church office by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**United Women in Faith Annual Summer Dinner Out** – Bonefish Mac's, Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm. RSVP to Lorna at (772) 800-7235 before August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry** – We serve more than 75 families per week with much needed food during tough times! Many people are needed to help prepare, sort, pack and distribute food to these families. We are in need of more help on Tuesdays. Can we count on you? Please call Jackie Rose-Bennett at (917) 669-9336 for more information. Current pantry needs: Canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, cereal, tuna, soup. Thank you for your generosity.

**Attendance Forms** - We appreciate your help in keeping our attendance and membership records up to date. Please fill out an attendance form each and every Sunday and turn it in to an usher or place in the baskets provided. It is not necessary to fill out every line of the form, just your name and any information that has changed. Thanks for your help!

**Presence in Worship for 07/28: 310 Sunday School: 50**

**Financial Update** - Last week we received \$13,371.48 toward our weekly need of \$17,865. In the month of July, we received \$60,892.31 toward our monthly need of \$71,460. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



**Online/Mobile Giving** - You can make your donations at [pslfumc.com](http://pslfumc.com) by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan the QR code.

## **Meetings This Week**

BLC – Beacon Life Center      OC – Outreach Center

### **Sunday**

- 8/4 8:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 8/4 9:30a Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
- 8/4 9:30a Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
- 8/4 9:30a Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
- 8/4 9:30a Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
- 8/4 11:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 8/4 11:00a Pathfinders Adult Sunday School/105, BLC
- 8/4 11:30a Hispanic Worship/100, BLC

### **Monday**

- 8/5 12:00p Good Grief/101, BLC
- 8/5 1:00p Prayer Shawl/102, BLC
- 8/5 7:00p Trustees/Conference Room, BLC

### **Tuesday**

- 8/6 9:30a Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
- 8/6 10:00a Food Pantry/1, OC
- 8/6 5:30p Hispanic ESL Class/101, BLC
- 8/6 7:00p Hispanic Bible Study/104, BLC

### **Wednesday**

- 8/7 6:45a Men's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
- 8/7 7:00p Praise Team/100, BLC

### **Thursday**

- 8/8 9:00a Lighthouse Quilters/101, BLC
- 8/8 9:30a Women's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
- 8/8 7:00p Choir Practice/Sanctuary
- 8/8 7:00p Hispanic Prayer Service/100, BLC
- 8/8 8:00p Hispanic Band Rehearsal/100, BLC

### **Friday**

- 8/9 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30a–4:30p